by the license applied for and, when the application is for a license as a real estate broker, including evidence that they have had no less than [two] five THREE years' practical experience in selling real estate as a licensed real estate salesman, of which three years must have been under the supervision of one real estate broker, or that they are duly qualified to practice law in this State. All applicants for a license as a real estate broker under this subtitle shall be required to pass a reasonable written examination as to their qualifications to perform the functions authorized under the license applied for and that they possess adequate knowledge as to the general procedure for handling real estate transactions so as to properly protect the interest of those whom they may represent in such transactions, provided that all persons who hold such a license under the provisions of this subtitle on June 1, 1955, shall be entitled to a renewal of their license upon applying therefor and paying the prescribed fee unless their license shall have been suspended or revoked for cause as provided in Section 224 of this subtitle; and provided further that any licensed real estate broker going into the armed services of this country shall have the right to designate his attorney, any adult member of his immediate family or any salesman licensed in his office to supervise and carry on his business during the period of such service, and that the license of any such broker shall be renewed during such period on application by the person so designated and provided further that upon the death of any li-censed broker, any adult member of his family shall have the right to carry on the business of the deceased broker for the remainder of the license year or six months, whichever is the longer period.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964 1965.

Approved April 7, 1964.

## CHAPTER 123 (House Bill 294)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 698 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Department of Correction," subheading "Prisoners," to provide for the diminution of sentence for inmates who are temporarily removed to any place within the State for treatment; and making a clarification of this section.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 698 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Department of Correction," subheading "Prisoners," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

698.

Whenever it appears to the officer in charge of any penal institution that a prisoner in such institution is ill, and that the facilities of